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Attention: All Providers

RE: Deadline for Hurricane-Related Uncompensated Care Claims

June 30, 2006 is the deadline for Alabama Medicaid providers to file for reimbursement under the federally-approved plan to reimburse state providers for medically-necessary services delivered to victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Prior to claim submission, providers should ensure that the patient is from an officially designated county, that the date of service falls within the eligible dates, that the recipient is not on Alabama Medicaid or any other insurance program and that the procedure is a Medicaid-covered service.

For the purposes of these specially designated funds, uncompensated care shall mean medically necessary services provided to an individual without private insurance, Medicaid in any state other than Louisiana, Mississippi or Texas, Medicare, health care vouchers from any state, federal or charity organization, or any other method of health care coverage who was displaced as a result of hurricanes Katrina or Rita. **Please note that designated evacuee home counties and eligible dates of service for Hurricane Rita are different from those for Hurricane Katrina.** A list of designated counties, forms and other information are available on Medicaid's website at http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/news/hurricane_update.aspx?tab=2

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